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31. At present, the 11th Infantry Regiment and 29th Infantry Regiments are in ELHOVO, the 29th Infantry Regiment was brought to ELHOVO from YAMBOL 4 months ago. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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The ELHOVO Garrison Commander is (Colonel) SHTEVEBANOV, the Infantry Regiment's Military [redacted] (Colonel) MARKOV commands other units in ELHOVO. 50X1-HUM 240

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Commander of Engineering Battalion [redacted] is (Major) Rusi RABROV, This group has been in ELHOVO a long time. 50X1-HUM

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In January 1951, three mountain artillery batteries from SLIVEN were brought to ELHOVO and were placed at "Cocuk evi" (children's home) in the eastern part of the city. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the guns [redacted] are pulled by 2 horses. [redacted] their diameters are 15-20 cms. At ELHOVO there is a border section commanded by a captain [redacted] The ELHOVO border section is divided into "CHAVDAR" and "RUEN" Commands. These are code names. 50X1-HUM

The border units under the command of CHAVDAR are at GOLAM DERVENT and VARNIK, RUEN's are between GOLAM DERVENT and FAKTIA.

In January 1951 three mountain artillery batteries were brought from SLIVEN to "CHAL BABA" section between GOLAMO SHARKOVO, NALKO SHARKOVO and MAMAVCHEVO Villages. From those

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3 batteries, soldiers and horses of two of them are at BOLAMA SHARKOVA and of the other one at MALKO SHARKOVO. The guns are the same as those brought to ELHOVO.

In February 1951, infantry units from SLIVEN were brought to VODEN Border village. They say that their strength is 800. They were placed in houses and their headquarters is in Dimitar BAKALOV's house, the director of the secondary school.

At GOLAMO SHARKOVO, MALKO SHARKOVO and RAZDEL Villages, there is one company in each village which is attached to the units in VODEN, all constructing earth fortifications between STRANDZHA and GOLAM DERVENT. Trudovak units under the orders of these units number 800. At VODEN there are 400. at GOLAMO SHARKOVO, 200; and at RAZDEL, 200.

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At YAMBOL there is an anti-aircraft regiment whose barracks are on the north side.

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32. Colonel SHTEKVRANOV - Commander of ELHOVO Garrison.  
Colonel MARKOV - Commander of units in ELHOVO.

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Major Rusi VNEBOV - Commander of engineering battalion at ELHOVO.

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[(Captain) MUMCIEV] - Ordinance officer of border section.  
[(Brigadier General) KARAKACHOV] - Commander of the division at YAMBOL. This division is attached to the 3rd Army.

ELHOVO and YAMBOL Garrisons are included in this division.

The 3rd Balkanski division attached to the 3rd Army is at SLIVEN. The 2nd Mobile Division headquarters is in NOVA ZAGORA, the 6th Cavalry Regiment in SLIVEN, the 4th Cavalry Regiment in YAMBOL and the mounted regiment at SLIVEN are in this division also attached to the 3rd Army. The 4th Cavalry Regiment's major part and its headquarters are at BAKACHEK section of CHERGAN Village which is 7 km. southeast of YAMBOL. Only two squadrons of this regiment are in YAMBOL. In every Army there is a mobile division, consisting mostly of cavalry and motorized units.

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33. The naval bases of Bulgaria are at VARNNA and at BURGAS.

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34. During the last 2 years a modern airfield is being constructed 1 km. south of BEZMER Station on the NOVA ZAGORA-YAMBOL railroad which is 6-7 km. southwest of YAMBOL. At present, about 1500 Trudovaks are working there constructing concrete underground installations. They say that these are going to be underground hangars and also that the YAMBOL airfield will be transferred here and that this field will be made into an airbase. About 2000 dears of land are taken for this field from BEZMER, KERLEN GULCHO and YAMBOL. Electric current is obtained from YAMBOL and KERLEN stations. The field is going to be connected to the Georgi DRAZHEVO Station on the YAMBOL-ELHOVO railroad.
35. From ELHOVO to the border there are 6 rows of bunkers continuing all the way along the border area. These were constructed in 1941, 42, and 43. The distance between the bunkers is generally 2 kms. The 1st row of bunkers starts 1 km. south of ELHOVO. Two to three kms. south of this starts the 2nd row. There is a distance of 14-15 kms. between the 3rd and 2nd rows and the distances between the 4th, 5th and 6th rows are 2-3 kms. The nearest one to the border is the 6th row which at some places is 1-2 hundreds of a meter from the border. Between the last row and the border there are earth fortifications and shelters. The bunkers were cleaned and repaired at the end of 1950. At present, they are ready and are under guard. Near the villages where there are soldiers, they are guarded by soldiers. Where there are no soldiers, they are guarded by reliable Communists. Every 50X1-HUM bunker is surrounded by wire entanglements and tank barriers. All bridges at ELHOVO are ready to be mined. [redacted] One to 1.5 kms. 50X1-HUM south of VODEN are small stone barracks used as ammunition stores which are guarded by 10 guards. You cannot go nearer than within 200 m. of this building.
- The ELHOVO garrison's ammunition and weapon stores are on the south side of the county behind the barracks. There are 20 stone buildings there guarded by the ELHOVO garrison.
39. During the last 2 years, a Russian geological commission has been active. They are looking for fuel and they say that their searching has given positive results. They have also searched in VURBITSA, KARLOVO, Sopot, TROYAN, DEVIN and 50X1-HUM SMOLAN districts. [redacted]
43. At BELOVO station on the SOFIA-PLOVDIV railroad, there is a big paper factory named "SAMPATOK", but this factory does not produce paper. They say that all the fish in the Maritsa river

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which flows near this factory and all the animals which drink from this river die. After this, the people of BELOVO Village sent a committee to the Industry Ministry to ask them to order the factory to stop throwing poisonous sweepings into the water. The people say that they have constructed a special canalization

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46. There is no partisan activity against the government in Bulgaria. Five to six months [redacted] there were partisans in the Rodop Mountains. [redacted]

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[redacted] there was a secret radio broadcast in Bulgaria named "GORANIN" [redacted]

[redacted] The program is between 16-18 and [redacted] this secret radio station is not in Bulgaria but in Yugoslavia. 50X1-HUM

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